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1. ON BEHALF OF "A NUMBER OF WESTERN COUNTRIES," AUSTRALIAN
AND NORWEGIAN REPS PRESENTED AN ALTERNATIVE DRAFT AGENDA TO
NON-ALIGNED CONTACT GROUP (EGYPT, INDIA, MEXICO, SRI LANKA,
YUGOSLAVIA) ON MAY 11. "WESTERN" DRAFT, A MODIFIED VERSION
OF NON-ALIGNED PROPOSAL (REFTEL) DEVELOPED WITHIN THE
BARTON GROUP, READS AS FOLLOWS:

1. GENERAL DEBATE: REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF
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THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION IN THE LIGHT OF
THE NEED TO ACCELERATE PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF
DISARMAMENT AND OF THE CLOSE INTER-RELATIONSHIP
AMONG DISARMAMENT, INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT.
2. ADOPTION OF A DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT
SETTING OUT, INTER ALIA, GENERALLY APPLICABLE

PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES FOR DISARMAMENT
NEGOTIATIONS AND AGREEMENTS.

3. ADOPTION OF A PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON
DISARMAMENT.

4. REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS
IN DISARMAMENT AND OF THE INTERNATIONAL
MACHINERY FOR NEGOTIATIONS ON DISARMAMENT.

2. ACCORDING TO OXLEY (AUSTRALIA), NON-ALIGNED CONTACT
GROUP RAISED OBJECTIONS TO EACH OF THE REVISIONS PROPOSED
IN THE WESTERN DRAFT. IN PARTICULAR, THEY OPPOSED DELETION
OF REFERENCE TO THE "LACK OF ADEQUATE PROGRESS IN DISARMAMENT
IN FIRST AGENDA ITEM AND DELETION OF REFERENCE TO WDC IN
FOURTH. WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED REFORMULATION OF ITEM
TWO, CONCERNING THE DECLARATION OF (PRINCIPLES OF) DISARMAMENT,
NON-ALIGNED REPS OFFERED NO SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTION BUT SAID
THEY PREFERRED KEEPING TITLE SHORT AND GENERAL. THEY UNDERTOOK,
IN ANY EVENT, TO DISCUSS "WESTERN" DRAFT WITH REST OF NON-
ALIGNED GROUP AND REPORT REACTIONS.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, EAST EUROPEANS HAVE GIVEN NON-ALIGNED
CONTACT GROUP THEIR OWN PROPOSED DRAFT, HIGHLIGHTING "PREPARATION
FOR" A WDC AS ITEM TWO. FULL PROPOSAL READS:

- "1. GENERAL DEBATE ON DISARMAMENT.
2. PREPARATION FOR CONVENING A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.
3. ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT.
4. ADOPTION OF FINAL DOCUMENT (OR DOCUMENTS)."

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4. AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED, YUGOSLAVS APPEAR TO BE
MAINTAINING THE STRONGEST POSITION AGAINST COMPROMISE
WITH THE SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES ON THE WDC ISSUE,
INSISTING THAT FORMULATION IN NON-ALIGNED DRAFT (REVIEW
OF ROLE OF UN AND DISARMAMENT MECHANISMS, "INCLUDING
THE QUESTION OF CONVENING A WDC") IS AN "ABSOLUTE
MAXIMUM." HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT THIS FIRMFNESS
IS GENERAL AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED, AND WE EXPECT VARIOUS
"COMPROMISES" TO BE SUGGESTED. NEGOTIATIONS ARE TO
CONTINUE INFORMALLY WITH OBJECTIVE OF REACHING AGREEMENT
BY FRIDAY. FOR THE TIME BEING, WESTERN GROUP HAS AGREED
TO HOLD FIRM ON ITS DRAFT, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO
DELETION OF WDC, THOUGH ALL DELEGATIONS HAVE INDICATED
THEY COULD GO ALONG WITH CURRENT NON-ALIGNED FORMULATION
IN THE END. EAST EUROPEANS SO FAR HAVE GIVEN NO INDICATION
THAT NON-ALIGNED FORMULATION ON WDC WOULD PROVIDE
BASIS FOR ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE. THEY APPEAR
DETERMINED AT A MINIMUM TO INSIST THAT WDC BE A SEPARATE
ITEM ON THE AGENDA REGARDLESS OF HOW IT IS PHRASED.

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